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Jim,

A few comments on several of your emails from last week:

Landfill MOA Draft

1. Who is Orin? *Groundwater monitoring*
2. My feeling is that Volpe represents an unnecessary complication on this matter. Our contract with them is merely for disposal space, is it not?
3. Long term O & M, from our perspective, is reflected in the disposal fee charge that is assessed for waste material. There is a 30 year closure-post/closure H₂O monitoring and maintenance requirement by Federals. The same process is used for other wastes, like household garbage.
4. Our understanding all along has been that approximately 10,000 cubic yards of ACM disposal capacity would be left for future use at the landfill disposal site. That would be in the form of residual capacity in an already constructed cell, or a new cell. This capacity would be left by EPA when they folded up their tent and left town. Operation of this part of the ACM disposal operation would be assumed by Lincoln County.

BNSF Cleanup

I've talked this morning with Dave Smith (BNSF) and Carl (IRS Environmental) concerning timetable and details for access to the disposal cell. I told them I envisioned the 1st or 2nd week of June as the very earliest date. I discussed the MOA, Volpe Contract, MT DEQ, and O & M issues. They would like to be kept informed of progress and I agreed to do that.

CDM - Monitor Well Testing

CDM will be sampling the 2 onsite wells, per DEQ guidance, in the month of May according to Peter Borowiec.

Volpe Contract

An email from Ed Wirtanen (Volpe) on April 30th reads as follows:

"The due date for submission of proposals will be extended. We are trying to resolve the issues raised in your draft language."

Jim, I'm hopeful that the reasonable clarifications proposed to the contract officers can be accommodated?

Septic Issue

I don't understand, or condone, the demands some people are making concerning their septic tank situations. Certainly, if JMF, or any other licensed pumper is willing to work on tank servicing, aware of the conditions and willing to take necessary precautions, a problem shouldn't exist.

It seems apparent that a certain segment of the population has EPA dollar signs floating in front of them and are looking for a handout.

My recommendation would be for properties needing routine septic pumping services:

1. Property owner notify septic pumper; and,
2. Pumper visit the site and determine BACT; and,
3. Pumper proceed with tank lid excavation, carefully stockpiling vermiculite-containing soil; and,
4. Tank is pumped, dirt is replaced, and exposed dirt is covered over with weighted plastic tarp until EPA soil removal is scheduled; and,
5. Owner is responsible for costs associated with tank servicing. Owner would be responsible if soil was not vermiculite tainted.

If an emergency, or very unique situation is encountered, then it would be evaluated individually for EPA cleanup response. Public health and public exposure would weigh heavily in these "cases".

The name "Tony Gloss" is familiar to me, and I believe he is not representative of the general population.

Sincerely,

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